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THANK YOU

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THE BREAKER
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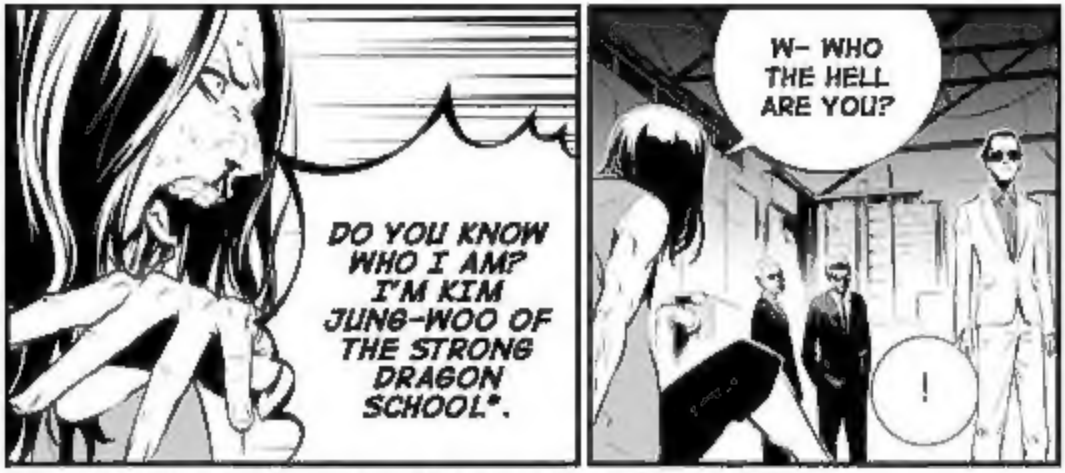
[ *- "OLDER BROTHER" - TO ADDRESS OR REFER TO SOMEONE OLDER IN THE SAME FACTION ]




[ *- "GUN YONG MOON" - REFER ASS-WHOOPING BY JINIE, NW2-4 ]

Y- YOU! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THE STRONG DRAGON SCHOOL IS AFFILIATED WITH THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE?
YOU THINK THE ALLIANCE WILL LET YOU OFF, ONCE THEY HEAR WHAT YOU DID TO US??

HUH?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS.

I- I THINK YOU MUST HAVE MISHEARD ME, SIR, BUT I AM HERE TO DELIVER A WARNING FROM THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE.

WE THE SUNWOO CLAN HAVE BEEN LYING DORMANT, REORGANIZING OURSELVES AND WELCOMING OUR NEW CLAN HEAD-NIM.
IN ADDITION, THE CHIEF WANTS TO MEET WITH THE NEW CLAN HEAD-NIM, IN ORDER TO FIND A BASIC SOLUTION REGARDING...
OUR ACTIONS THIS TIME ARE MERELY A RESPONSE TO THE PROVOCATIONS FROM THE ALLIANCE SO FAR.
THESE RECENT ACTIONS BY THE SUNWOO CLAN BENEFIT NEITHER THE SUNWOO CLAN NOR THE MURIM AS A WHOLE. THE ALLIANCE CHIEF IS WORRIED ABOUT THIS.

HOW DARE THEY LOOK DOWN ON US AND ATTACK OUR CLAN HEAD.
BUT IT APPEARS THERE ARE THOSE WHO MISTOOK OUR DORMANCY AS A SIGN OF THE CLAN'S DECLINE.
AND,
GO BACK, AND TELL THEM NOT TO TEST THE PATIENCE OF THE SUNWOO CLAN.
TELL THEM WE WILL TRACK DOWN THE ONES WHO ATTACKED THE CLAN HEAD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO OVERTURN THE ENTIRE MURIM.

AS EXPECTED, THE SUNWOO CLAN HAS DECLINED THE INVITATION.
IN FACT, THEY WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE CHIEF HIMSELF SHOULD COME TO THE SUNWOO CLAN IF HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THIS BEFORE? THE SUNWOO CLAN IS OVERTLY BARING ITS FANGS*. IT'S EXACTLY WHY I WAS GIVEN SUCH A COLD RECEPTION AT THEIR DOORS.
SO, WHAT IS THEIR REASON FOR CAUSING A RUCKUS ALL THROUGH-OUT THE MURIM?
FOR NOW, THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR THE ONES WHO ATTACKED THEIR CLAN HEAD. ACCORDING TO THEM, IT'S A GROUP CALLED THE S.U.C.

[ *- LIT. *SHOWING THE CLAWS* ]

THAT'S JUST THEIR OWN FABRICATION.

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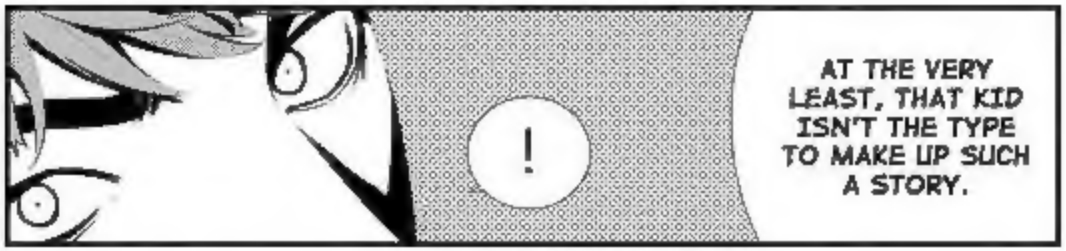
THOSE S.U.C. BASTARDS ARE SAID TO BE GOOMOONRYONG'S DISCIPLES. THE FORMER DISCIPLE, BEING ATTACKED BY THOSE PEOPLE... IS THAT SUPPOSED TO SOME KIND OF A JOKE??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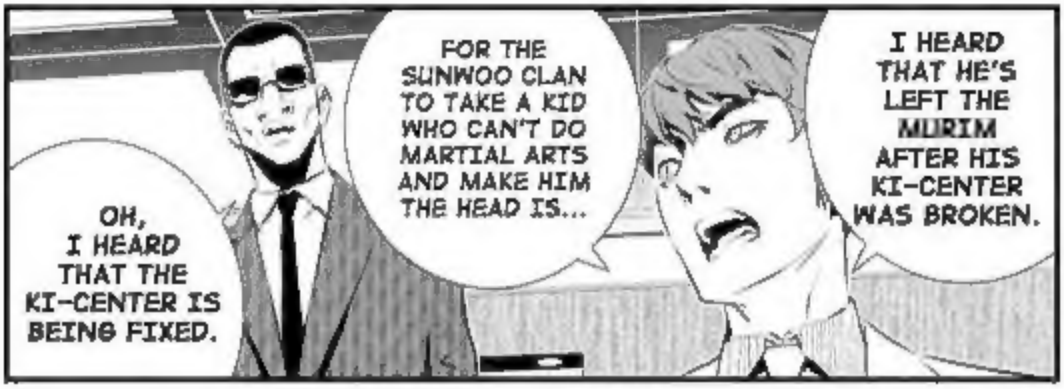
AT THE VERY LEAST, THAT KID ISN'T THE TYPE TO MAKE UP SUCH A STORY.

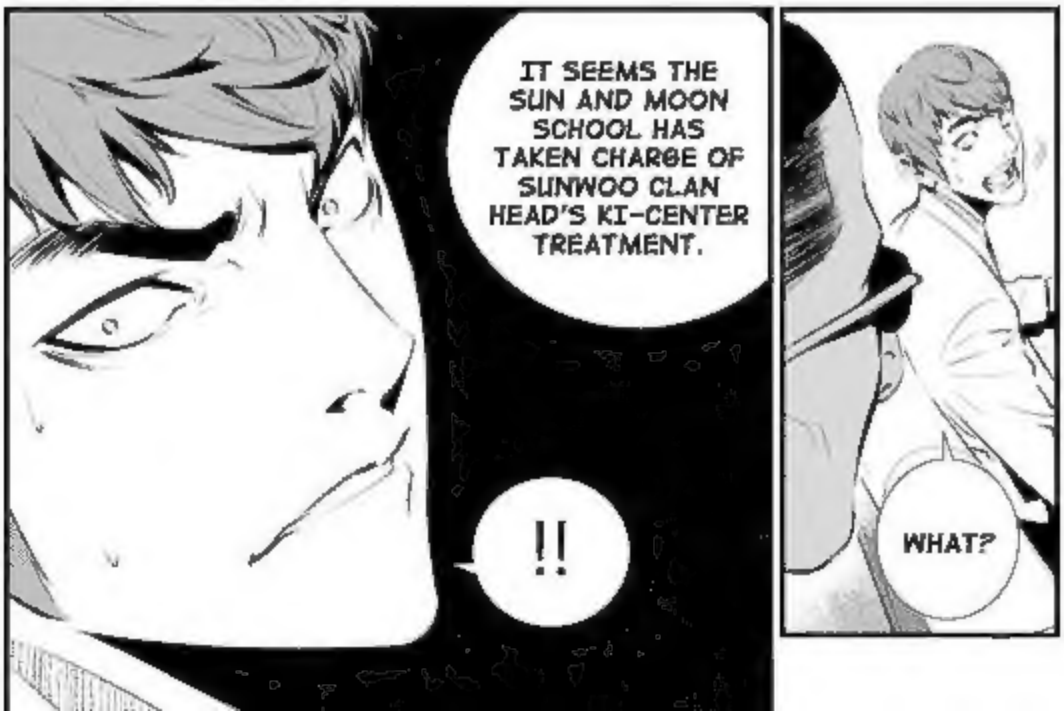
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I AM HAPPY THAT I COULD SEE HIM AGAIN WITHIN THE MURIM...

IN ALL MY DAYS WITHIN THE MURIM, HE'S SOMEONE WHO'S LEFT THE STRONGEST IMPRESSION ON ME, IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME.

THAT KID...? DO YOU MEAN THAT YOU KNOW HIM?
I DO KNOW HIM.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM, BUT DON'T YOU THINK THE SUNWOO CLAN WOULD THINK DIFFERENTLY?


OH, I HEARD THAT THE KI-CENTER IS BEING FIXED.
FOR THE SUNWOO CLAN TO TAKE A KID WHO CAN'T DO MARTIAL ARTS AND MAKE HIM THE HEAD IS...
I HEARD THAT HE'S LEFT THE MURIM AFTER HIS KI-CENTER WAS BROKEN.


IT SEEMS THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF SUNWOO CLAN HEAD'S KI-CENTER TREATMENT.
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WHAT?

BEEP BEEP
THAT WAS GOOD TODAY.
HUUUU.
CLICK

FIXING A KI-CENTER IS THE SAME THING AS BRINGING SOMEONE BACK FROM THE DEAD. THIS IS FAST ENOUGH, I TELL YA!
DOES IT TAKE THAT LONG?
AT THIS RATE, I THINK YOUR KI-CENTER WILL BE FULLY RECOVERED IN 2 TO 3 MONTHS, OR SO.
RIGHT NOW THE KI-CENTER IS TAKING ITS SHAPE, SO FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF TREATMENT, DON'T DO ANY EXCESSIVE MARTIAL ARTS OR KI-CIRCULATION
HUH?
YOUR KI-CENTER IS VERY WEAK RIGHT NOW, SO IF YOU DO MARTIAL ARTS RECKLESSLY, IT MAY BREAK AGAIN.
AND IF THAT HAPPENS...
LMM. SO, AS LONG AS I DON'T DO MARTIAL ARTS, I CAN GO ON WITH MY EVERYDAY LIFE, RIGHT?
YEAH, SINCE YOUR OTHER ORGANS ARE PRETTY MUCH OKAY... BUT WHY DO YOU ASK?
THEN IT'LL BE ABSOLUTELY UN-RECOVERABLE, NO MATTER WHAT. SO KEEP THAT IT MIND, GOT THAT?
SUUK
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OH... ACTUALLY I WAS GETTING A BIT WORRIED ABOUT SKIPPING SCHOOL FOR SO LONG.

THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO BE READY FOR THAT EVENTUALITY

I'M JUST A TEMPORARY HEAD.
WHEN THE REAL OWNER RETURNS, I HAVE TO GO BACK TO MY NORMAL LIFE, Y'KNOW

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE SUNWOO CLAN, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL CLANS IN THE MURIM. WHAT DO YOU NEED SCHOOL FOR?

GREETINGS, CLAN HEAD-NIM.

ZIING
MAN~ THAT SOUNDS SO PATHETIC. IF I WERE YOU,
HM?

ELDER KWON, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
WHY DON'T WE TALK IN DETAIL ON THE WAY?
OH, YES, SIR.
I CAME TO CHECK ON A FAVOR I ASKED OF THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL; AND I WAS WAITING TO GO BACK WITH YOU, CLAN
AH, YES... PLEASE HAVE A SAFE TRIP BACK. ELDER KWON, AS WELL.
I'LL BE GOING NOW, SCHOOL-HEAD HEO.
WELL, THEN ..
MAN, EVERY TIME I SEE THAT OLD MAN, I GET ALL NERVOUS.
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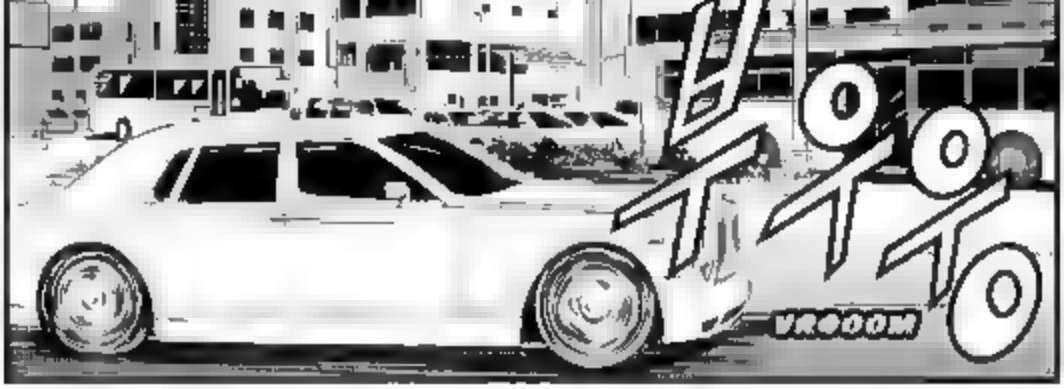
AH, Y- YES..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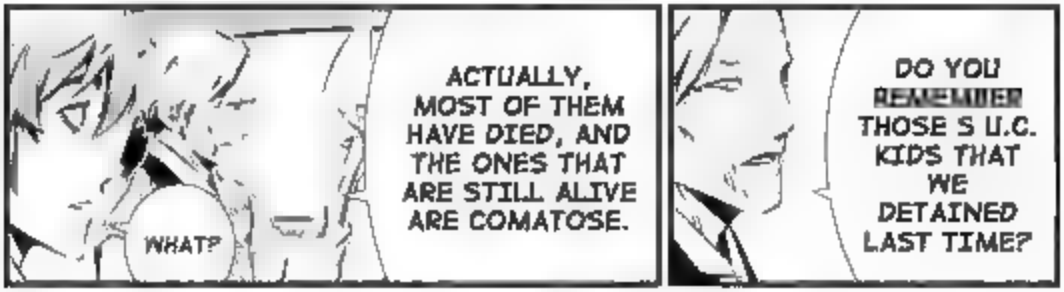
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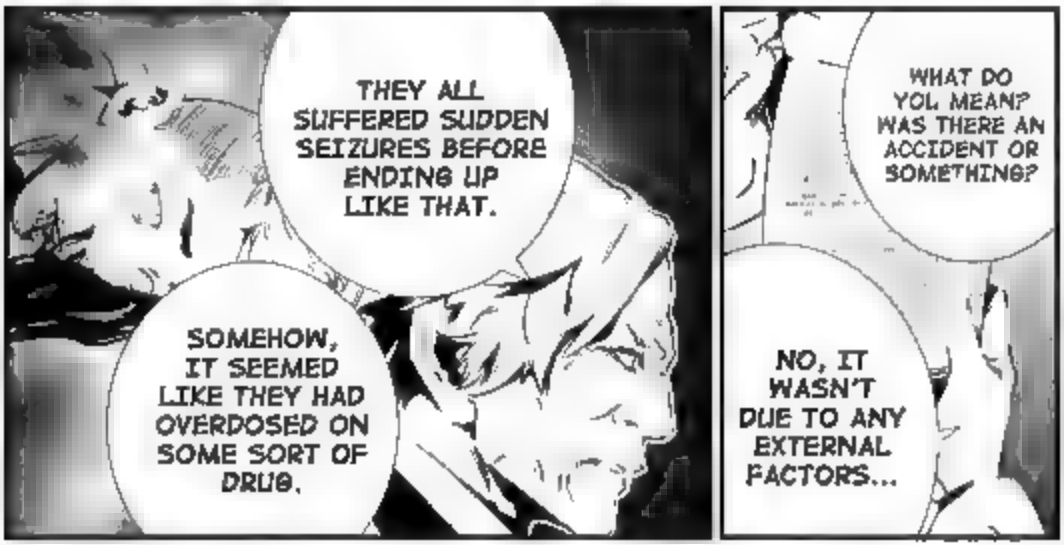
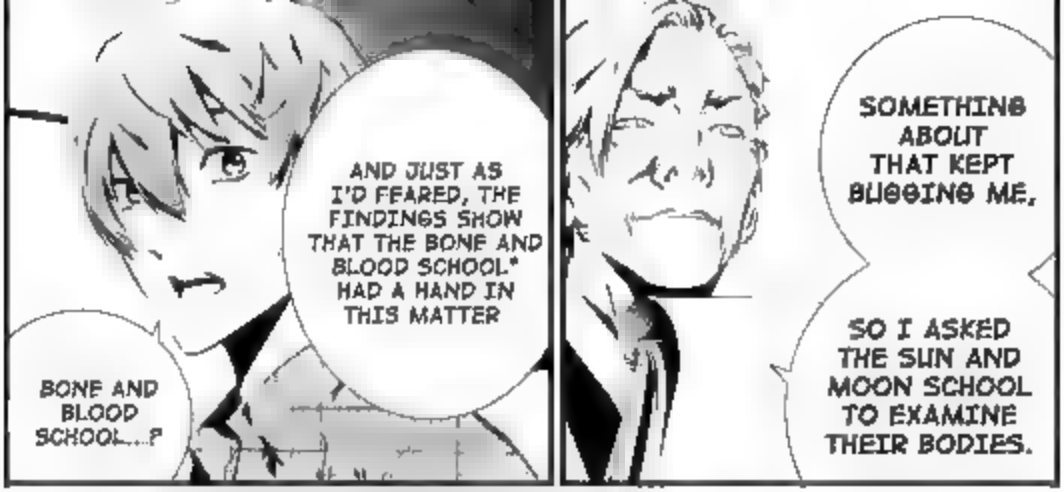
ACTUALLY, MOST OF THEM HAVE DIED, AND THE ONES THAT ARE STILL ALIVE ARE COMATOSE.
DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE S U.C. KIDS THAT WE DETAINED LAST TIME?

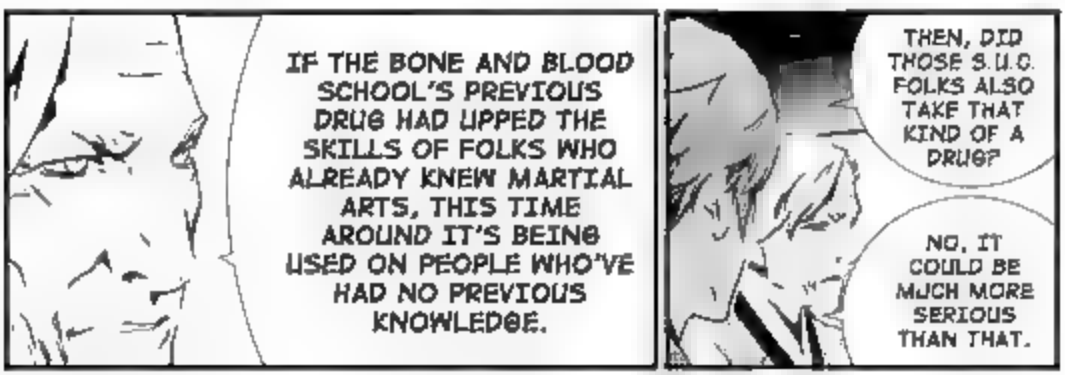

THEY ALL SUFFERED SUDDEN SEIZURES BEFORE ENDING UP LIKE THAT.
SOMEHOW, IT SEEMED LIKE THEY HAD OVERDOSED ON SOME SORT OF DRUG.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WAS THERE AN ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING?
NO, IT WASN'T DUE TO ANY EXTERNAL FACTORS...

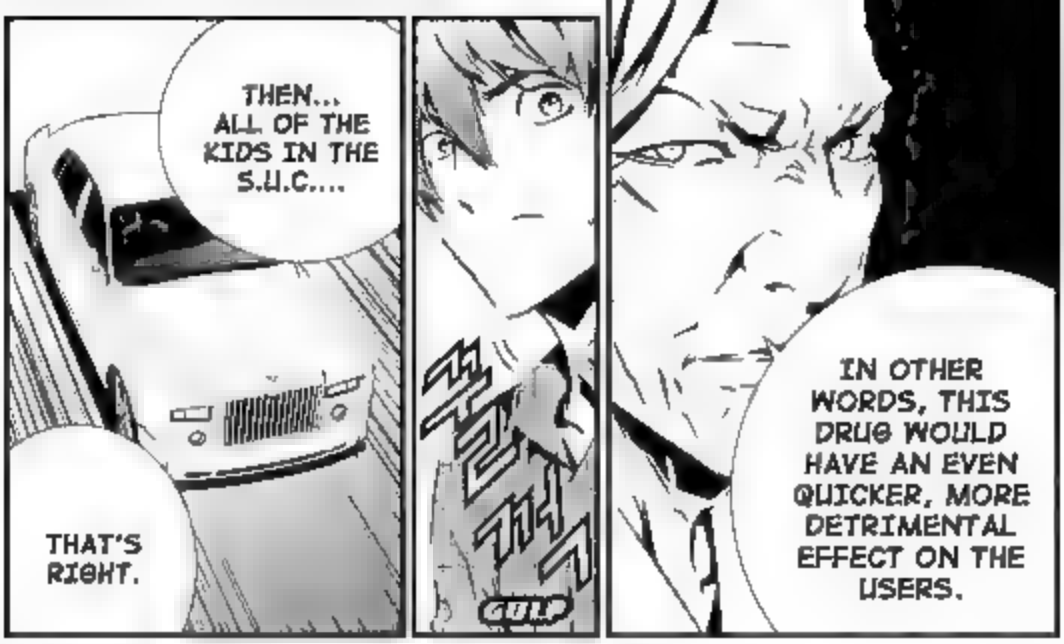
SUCH AS THEIR BEING IN COMMAND OF SUCH HIGH-LEVEL MARTIAL SKILLS, ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MURIM
AS I REPORTED BEFORE, THERE WERE MANY SUSPICIOUS THINGS ABOUT THEM.


BONE AND BLOOD SCHOOL...?
AND JUST AS I'D FEARED, THE FINDINGS SHOW THAT THE BONE AND BLOOD SCHOOL* HAD A HAND IN THIS MATTER
SOMETHING ABOUT THAT KEPT BUGGING ME.
SO I ASKED THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL TO EXAMINE THEIR BODIES.

[ *- "BOL HYEOL MOON" - DR BAE'S SCHOOL ]

THEY CREATED AND SPREAD THE USE OF DRUGS FOR MARTIAL ARTS ENHANCEMENT. THOSE DRUGS WERE EFFECTIVE IN THE SHORT RUN, BUT WITH LONG-TERM USAGE, THEY WOULD END UP CRIPPLING THE USERS.
YES. A DANGEROUS FACTION THAT ALMOST DESTROYED THE ENTIRE MURIM, SOME 30 YEARS AGO.


IF THE BONE AND BLOOD SCHOOL'S PREVIOUS DRUG HAD UPPED THE SKILLS OF FOLKS WHO ALREADY KNEW MARTIAL ARTS, THIS TIME AROUND IT'S BEING USED ON PEOPLE WHO'VE HAD NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE.
THEN, DID THOSE S.U.C. FOLKS ALSO TAKE THAT KIND OF A DRUG?
NO, IT COULD BE MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT.


THEN... ALL OF THE KIDS IN THE S.U.C....
THAT'S RIGHT.
GULP
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS DRUG WOULD HAVE AN EVEN QUICKER, MORE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE USERS.

NO ONE KNOWS WHO'S PULLING THE STRINGS BEHIND THE S.U.C , BUT ONE THING'S FOR SURE...

ALL THOSE KIDS WILL SUFFER THE FATE OF BEING USED UP, AND THEN BEING TOSSED AWAY LIKE GARBAGE.
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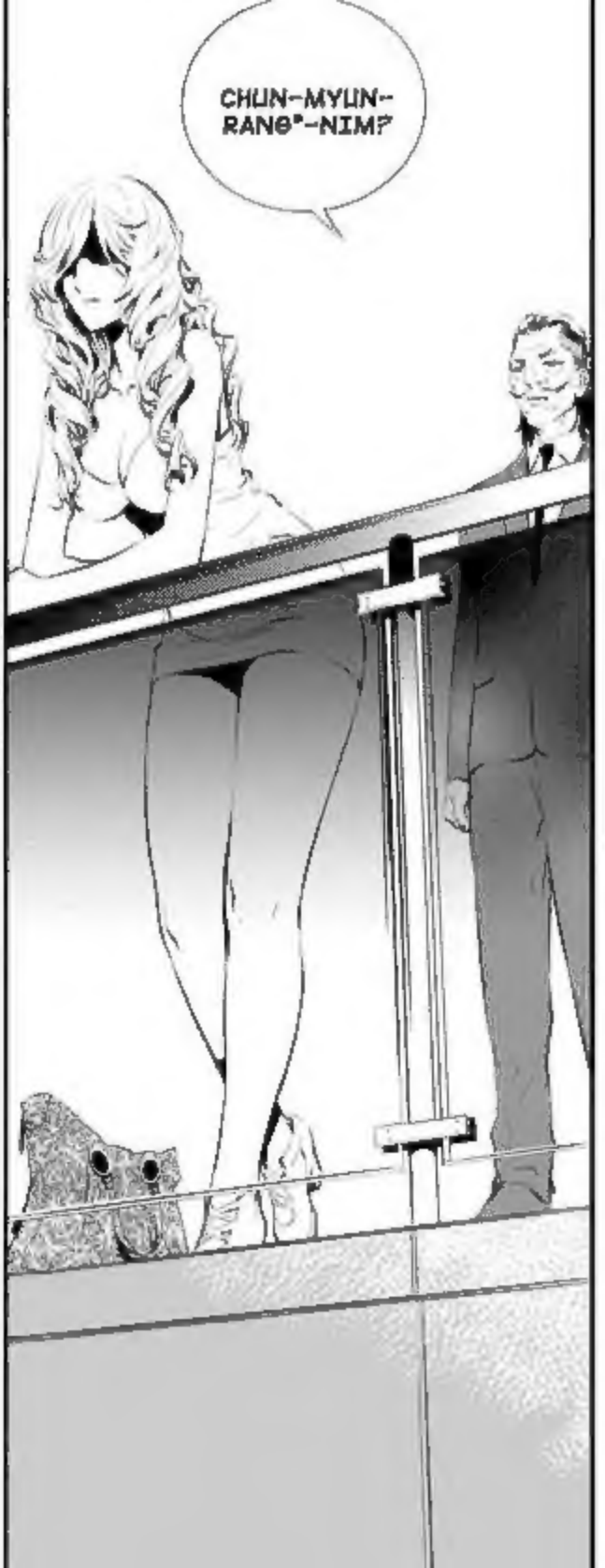
WUAAH!!
WHAM
CRASH
WHY DID YOU SUMMON ME HERE?

[ *- LIT. "THOUSAND, FACE, WOMAN"; LADY WITH A THOUSAND FACES ]



I MEAN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT FORMER DISCIPLE WHO'S TROUBLING OUR GROUP HEAD.
YOU MEAN...
OH DEAR, AREN'T YOU UNDER-ESTIMATING MY SPECIALTY?
HE'S NOW BECOME SOMEONE RATHER IMPORTANT IN THE MURIM...
IF WE WERE TO GO AFTER HIM IN EARNEST, IT'LL TURN INTO A WAR OF ATTRITION.
I'M GRATEFUL, BUT NOW THAT THIS MATTER HAS FAILED ONCE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND ANOTHER OPENING.
THAT GUY... THE ONE THAT "COOL GUY" THREW AWAY... I BROUGHT HIM ALONG.
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN...?

THANKS TO HIM, I FOUND A RATHER UNEXPECTED WEAKNESS WITH THE FORMER DISCIPLE.
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SUUK
AND HE TOLD ME SOMETHING QUITE INTERESTING.
THEN, THIS IS...?
THAT'S RIGHT. THE ONE PERSON WHO CAN DISARM THE FORMER DISCIPLE.

IF WE USE HER, WE COULD SOLVE OUR LITTLE HEADACHE WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF EFFORT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?